

come this difficulty, one would like to know. The Socinian view that attaches no doctrinal significance to the ordinance at all, but simply that it is a ceremony of initiation into church membership, is not that most surely believed by Congregationalists.

The mode is not the vital question, but the meaning attached to the ordinance, and the proper subjects for Christian Baptism. Until there be oneness of view on these points, the dividing lines will be there in spite of *charity*.

The view held by Mr. Clarke, that "an unconverted man who should in either way, profess a faith to which he was a stranger, would remain unbaptized, because unregenerate, is sure to leave unbaptized ones in all churches, Baptist as well as others. Would a Baptist minister rebaptize one who would say to him, as a member of a Baptist church said to me very lately, "I have been deceiving myself all my days: is it too late, is it too late?" This person found peace in believing. No Baptist church that I know of would have said, "Be baptized, and wash away thy sins." Did I hold the view expressed by Brother Clarke, I never would baptize an infant, neither would I receive a member from the world but by baptism. If some of the confessions made at penitent benches be true, I would have to baptize some once every year. May we expect through your pages to have more light cast on these points?

Your's truly,

AN INQUIRER.

SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE—A NOBLE EXAMPLE.—DEAR EDITOR,—A few days ago I received a letter from a servant girl, from which, what follows, is an extract;—"It is a long time since I wrote you, and perhaps I would not find time even now to write, only I am about the Master's business. This is the season of the year when your Missionary meetings are usually held. Please then accept a trifle from a servant girl. I send you three dollars. You can give one to the Missionary Society, and two to help to pay off the debt on your new Chapel; or if you like you can reverse the order, and give two to the Missionary Society, and one to the Chapel. I wish you could help me to determine in what way I can do most for God with this money which he has so kindly given me to spend for him. I have had rather bad luck since I came here, but I have good health, and very many comforts and privileges for which, I trust, I am truly thankful. * * * * * But though men should wrong me, that is no reason why I should wrong God."

Now how does it come that this servant girl has been intrusted with the spending of the Lord's money? The answer is found in a subsequent letter in which she states:—"For years I have given the tenth of all I earn to the cause of God." She having honoured the Lord with her substance, now finds herself exalted to this high office—Master of the Lord's Treasury.

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TURNING THE TABLES.—King Charles II. once said to John Milton, "Do you not think that your blindness is a judgment upon you for having written in defence of my father's murder?" "Sire," answered the poet, "it is true I have lost my eyes, but if all calamitous providences are to be considered as judgments, your Majesty must recollect that your royal father *lost his head*."